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Subject: draft invitation to technical workshops (estuarine habitat)

Les -

Here is our draft invitation that we'd like to send to have folks save the date. Two things uncertain, as shown in blue - location and whether we will be able to partner with DSC.

Feel free to offer edits. - KS

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You are cordially invited to participate in a technical workshop on 27 March 2012 (Tuesday) in (downtown Sacramento). EPA is convening the workshop in partnership with the Aquatic Science Center (and the Delta Science Program), and the goal is to characterize how ecological processes and biological indicators change in response to different locations of the low salinity zone (LSZ) in the Estuary. At the workshop, a technical facilitator will engage approximately 20 scientists with expertise in estuarine ecology, fisheries, hydrodynamics, modeling, and water resource management.

Please respond to this invitation by 13 January 2012 (Friday) regarding your availability. Due to severe budget constraints, the workshop sponsors cannot compensate you for your time, travel, and lodging.

As you may know, the State Water Resources Control Board will soon initiate the update of Delta flow objectives in its Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary. This presents the scientific community with an important opportunity to inform the Board's regulatory decisions about estuarine habitat standards. As a product of the workshop, the vast amount of scientific research done since 1995 that pertains to the LSZ and estuarine habitat will be reviewed, evaluated, and synthesized into a format that will be useful to the Board.